

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

15th July, 2020

Proposition No. P.2020/54

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy R H Tooley

To suspend Rule 17(9) of the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the Proposition set out below to be considered.

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AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

JUSTICE POLICY REPORT

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy R H Tooley

1. To insert the following proposition after proposition 2 –

“3. To direct the Committee *for* Home Affairs –

(a) to consult with relevant stakeholders and consider whether resources currently used to police and enforce the laws on cannabis possession and use (especially in small amounts for personal use) could be more efficiently and effectively used to ensure more positive outcomes in relation to the following matters -

- reducing alcohol abuse

- domestic violence prevention
 - education and early intervention on substance abuse generally; and
- (b) jointly with the Committee *for* Health & Social Care to report back to the States, no later than six months after the States consider the Combined Substance Use Strategy with options for alternative and non-punitive approaches to the possession and use of small quantities of illegal drugs which take into account:-
- the need to promote the health, wellbeing and safety of people who use drugs and of the wider community;
 - the strategic principles of the Combined Substance Use Strategy, and any evidence collected in its development including the commissioned independent Report, Review of the interaction of health and justice system in relation to the possession of drugs for personal use;
- the consultation and consideration referred to in (a) above.

Explanatory Note

The amendment seeks to recognise and continue the ongoing programme of work being undertaken by the Committee *for* Health & Social Care in respect of substance use to ensure that the final proposals presented to the Assembly are evidence-based and aligned to the Bailiwick's wider strategic approach to substance use.